(b) and (c) This mishap happened due to mixing of investigation report of the patient with the same name. This was investigated and the remedial measures have been taken to avoid any recurrence of a similar incident and the concerned staff/doctors have been warned to be careful in future.

Female and Male Population in the Country

6373. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present female and male population in our country is in the ratio of 1:2;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to bring this ratio to 1:1; and

(c) if not, whether Government would seriously consider the dangerous future namely that a day will come when female members will have to be imported just like any other commodity to our country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Research In producing Anti-Fertility and Spermicidal Agents

6374. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ICAA has achieved a break-through in its research in producing anti-fertility and spermicidal agents from the leaves of neem tree;

(b) if so, whether any clinical trial has been carried out on the use of the same; and

(c) if so, the results achieved and when it is expected to produce this on a large scale for the use of the poor people in this country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Preliminary studies on small animals on the anti-fertility effect of neem tree leaves have been conducted by National Institute of Heath and Family Welfare.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Not applicable.

Jaundice cases in Delhi

6375. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Win the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that jaundice cases are on the increase in trans-yamuna areas of Delhi;

(b) if so, the preventive measures taken by Government in this regard and the number of persons affected by Jaundice in this area during die last two months; and

(c) the role played by health authorities to fight against this menace in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Higher incidence of jaundice cases has been reported.

(b) and (c) During February and March, 1995, the number of jaundice cases reported in the trans-yamuna areas of Delhi were 168 and 41 respectively.

Preventive measures taken by the Govt, of N.C.T., Delhi to check this disease are:

(i) Surveillance and monitoring..

(ii) Arrangement for environmental sanitation including safe disposal of excreta.

(iii) Provision of safe potable drinking water.

(iv) Health Education.

(y) Distribution of chlorine tablets.